

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/154) - Contraband at MIDC - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA) written:

Give details of a recent incident at Maribyrnong Detention Centre where a gang of convicted criminals bashed Tamils so that they could take their room. Was the room subsequently used to smuggle contraband through a window? What was this contraband?

Answer:

The department can confirm that there was an incident at the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre on 28 March 2015.

Serco responded to the incident appropriately, which included the separation of a number of detainees.

There are no reports of this room being used for smuggling contraband. Departmental records indicate that no contraband was located in the room.